Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has assessed the manufacturing capacity of BHEL for new thermal capacity and to overcome the constraints, highlighting BHEL's present manufacturing capacity *vis-a-vis* the capacity planned to be added during the Eleventh Plan.

Expansion of BHEL as well as development of manufacturing capacity by generating CPSUs or private players alone or through joint ventures are possible options to augment the manufacturing capacity in line with the generation capacities being planned for the Eleventh Plan and beyond.

Vetting of production sharing contract

*289. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production sharing contract being signed by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the exploration blocks under NELP has been vetted by his Ministry;

(b.) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some provisions have been made in the contract to meet the contingencies arising out of the withdrawal of private contractor from the project without completion of work under NELP; and

(d) if so, the details-thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) A Yes, Sir. As per information furnished by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, the Production Sharing Contracts signed between the Government of India and the awardee company/consortia under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) have been vetted by the Ministry of Law and Justice.

Under NELP, bids are invited through International competitive bidding process for allotment of exploration blocks where contractor has to bid minimum work programme, share of profit petroleum to the government and cost recovery limit. The Production Sharing Contracts contain the provision for submitting financial and performance bank guarantee by the company/consortia in favour of the government which can be revoked in the event of non performance/non compliance of relevant provisions of the contract.

Teacher absenteism in primary schools

†*290. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a report by UNESCO, normally 25 per cent of the teachers remain absent in prfmary schools of the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government are making any efforts to ensure 100 per cent, presence of teachers; and

(c) what efforts have been made by Government during the last three years to correct the basic structure of primary education and the details of the plan that has been formulated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) A UNESCO Report titled "Corrupt Schools, Corrupt Universities: What can be done?" refers *inter alia* to a study done by the World Bank in 2004, which indicated a 25 per cent teacher absence rate in primary schools in India. The Government of India has conducted an independent study in 2006-07 across 21 States, which has revealed an average national teacher attendance rate of 80.63% at the primary stage.

(b) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan framework has been amended to provide for a greater role of Panchayati Raj bodies in the supervision and monitoring of schools, including attendance of teachers. Government of India has advised States to monitor teacher attendance in elementary schools and put in place mechanisms to improve teacher performance and accountability.

(c) Government is implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme for universalisation of elementary education by 2010, by augmenting availability of school infrastructure and improving the quality of education in elementary schools.

Status of power generation

*291. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the status of power generation in the country, at present;

(b) the quantity of electricity added during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) the names of projects which came up during that Plan and the names of the projects under construction now; and

(d) the target of generation of power during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) During the period April-July, 2007, the total energy generation in the country has been 234.23 Billion Units(BU) as against the target of 230.13 BU, which is 1.8% more than the target. The installed capacity in the country as on 31st July, 2007 was about 1,35,007 MW.

(b) During the Tenth Plan 21,180 MW capacity has been added. The total electricity generated during the Tenth Plan period was 29,57,392 Million Units (MU) as against the total target of 29,89,364 MD.

(c) Statements indicating the projects which were commissioned during the Tenth Plan period and those presently under construction and at Statement-I and II respectively (*See* below).